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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

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**IN RE: COURT OPERATIONS UNDER
THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES
CREATED BY COVID-19 AND RELATED
CORONAVIRUS**

**GENERAL ORDER 20-01
AMENDED**

ORDER

In its General Order 20-01, dated March 16, 2020, this Court addressed Court operations under the exigent circumstances created by the spread of COVID-19 and the related Coronavirus. General Order 20-01 directed that no jurors be summoned in any Division of the Northern District of Georgia for 30 days from the date of the Order and continued all jury trials, including any trial specific deadlines, for 30 days pending further Order of the Court. The Order similarly directed that no grand jurors be summoned and all grand jury proceedings in the District be continued for 30 days pending further Order of the Court.

The exigent circumstances identified in General Order 20-01 having worsened with many citizens within the Northern District of Georgia now being under state and local government shelter in place instructions; and additional operations of the court needing to change in recognition of these circumstances, and

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that General Order 20-01 is amended to extend the specified 30-day time periods contained therein through and including the date of May 15, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the time period of any continuance entered as a result of this Order (whether that continuance causes a pre-indictment delay or a pre-trial delay) shall be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), as the Court finds that the ends of justice served by taking that action outweigh the interests of the parties and the public in a speedy trial. Absent further Order of the Court or any individual judge, the period of exclusion shall be from March 23, 2020, through and including May 15, 2020. The Court may extend the period of exclusion as circumstances may warrant. This Order and period of exclusion are incorporated by reference as a specific finding under 18 U.S.C. § 3161 (h)(7)(A) in the record of each pending case where the Speedy Trial Act applies. See *Zedner v. United States*, 547 U.S. 489, 506-07 (2006). The period of exclusion in this Court's prior General Order 20-01 on this subject is likewise incorporated by reference as a specific finding under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) in the record of each pending case where the Speedy Trial Act applies.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that General Order 20-01 is amended to extend the specified 30-day time periods contained therein through and including the date of May 15, 2020.

Dated this 30 day of March 2020.


THOMAS W. THRASH, JR.
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE